

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2004
12:30 P.M.**

Pursuant to the proper notification, the Durham City Council held a special meeting on the above date and time in the Committee Room at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Absent: None.

Also present: City Attorney Henry Blinder, City Clerk D. Ann Gray and Human Resources Director Alethea Bell.

Mayor Bell called the special meeting to order.

SUBJECT: NEW CITY MANAGER PROCESS

Discussion was held by the Council on the Springsted Group not conducting the search in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The Mayor noted he spoke with the Mayor in Charlotte concerning the Mercer Group and his response was positive.

Council Member Stith stated he made contact with a council representative in Raleigh and also received positive remarks concerning the Mercer Group.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden to approve the Mercer Group to conduct the search for a new city manager for the City of Durham. The motion was seconded by Council Member Best.

Council Member Catotti made comments on having some assurance the Mercer firm would be able to devote time to the search.

The Mayor noted Mr. Mercer indicated earlier that he would shift his workload to focus on Durham if selected.

Council Member Brown noted the Springsted Group completed their last search in Greenville, North Carolina and he made contact with the Mayor of Greenville and the comments received were positive.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden seconded by Council Member Best to approve the Mercer Group to conduct the search for a new city manager for the City of Durham was approved at 12:45 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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For clarification, Council Member Brown asked if the approved motion was pending negotiations based upon the final fee.

Mayor Bell replied yes.

Human Resources Director Alethea Bell stated she would contact both firms and inform them of Council's decision. Also she stated they city had received 15 applications.

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden seconded by Council Member Catotti to continue the special meeting to Monday, September 20, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. was approved at 12:50 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

Human Resources Director Alethea Bell stated she would contact Mr. Mercer and inform him of the meeting on September 20, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.

D. Ann Gray, CMC
City Clerk